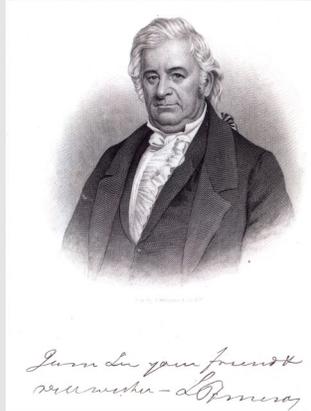
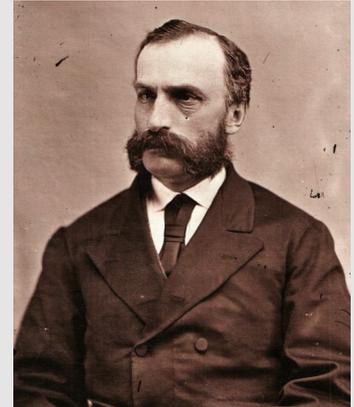


POMEROY AVENUE

1. Lemuel Pomeroy came to Pittsfield in 1799 from the Connecticut valley with experience as a blacksmith. He turned an old gun shop into a factory that produced 2000 muskets a year. Pomeroy shifted his business attention to textiles and built a mill close to the town center. His sons carried on the woolen mill after he died in 1849. His most enduring legacy may be his donation of the land next to his own home for the construction of the Town Hall on Park Square.

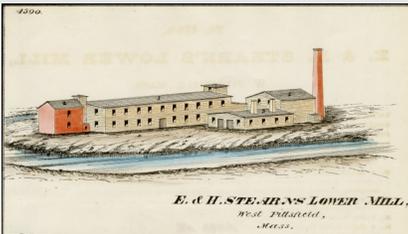


PECKS ROAD



2. Jabez Peck was the middle of three generations of Pecks who operated the two mills along the road that bears his name. In 1864, he took over ownership of the mills that his father and uncle had started twenty years earlier. Over the next three decades he guided the business through economic cycles that saw rival mills close. He ran the operation well into his 90s, turning the business over to his sons shortly before he died in 1895 at the age of 96.

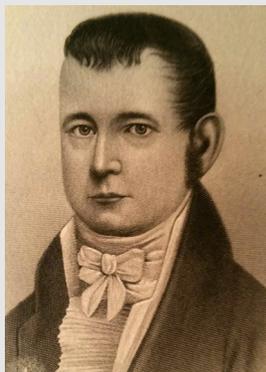
STEARNS AVENUE



3. In 1801, Daniel Stearns started one of the first woolen mills in Pittsfield. Located on Shaker Brook on the west side of the village, his mill at first took in woolen cloth that women had carded at home for the final steps of dressing, fulling (cleaning) and dying. Stearns then added a spinning jenny a carding machine from a local inventor. For the next 40 years, Stearns and his sons ran the company that included five different factories, 30 dwellings for its workers on 45 acres of land and even a small church.



CRANE AVENUE



5. Zenas Crane found all the elements he needed to start his paper-making mill in Dalton: fast flowing and clean water, nearby lime deposits to bleach the paper and linen rags he collected from the surrounding communities. When he retired after 40 years in 1842, the elder Crane had built three more mills which he turned over to his sons. It's appropriate that the avenue named after Crane is a short cut to Dalton.

BARKER ROAD

4. Along with his brothers Charles and Otis, John V. Barker, bought the original Stearns mill in 1832. Their wool business soon become the largest in Pittsfield. Far from the town center, the Barker brothers built a self-contained village in southwest Pittsfield that included houses for the 230 workers, a store, a church and a saw mill. In 1879, a fire devastated several of the Upper Barkerville buildings, including the main factory. They never fully recovered and by 1890 the company went out of business.

